FISCAL NOTE SB 188 - HB 1127

February 5, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that all estimates of specific teacher effects and other test data from TCAP testing shall be delivered to individual teachers not later than 5 days prior to the end of the school year. Data received later than this deadline shall not be used as part of any evaluation of a teacher's performance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes that if test results are required to be delivered to teachers not less than 5 days prior to the end of the school year, this would mean that tests would have to be scored and validated and teacher effect calculated in a shorter period of time than is being done at present. Therefore, it is estimated that state expenditures will increase to the extent the testing system is restructured and additional personnel are required to provide teachers with a quicker response. Such increase in state expenditures cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

At present, the required testing window for TCAP Achievement is March-April of each year. Some LEAs may be choosing to give the TCAP tests at the end of April in order to have students better prepared to take the tests. Therefore, there may be a short period of time between the time the tests are taken and the end of school year depending on the school starting date.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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